

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for June 2006

Region 8

August 2006

JUNE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(preliminary)

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AREA	6/06(p)	5/06	6/05
U.S.	4.8%	4.4%	5.2%
INDIANA	5.1%	4.8%	5.3%
EGR 8*	5.1%	4.9%	5.6%
Bloomington MSA**	4.8%	4.6%	5.3%
Brown	4.3%	4.5%	5.3%
Daviess	3.9%	3.5%	4.1%
Greene	5.5%	5.3%	6.3%
Lawrence	6.8%	6.6%	7.5%
Martin	5.3%	4.9%	5.2%
Monroe	4.5%	4.3%	5.0%
Orange	7.5%	7.5%	6.7%
Owen	5.3%	5.0%	5.7%
Bedford	10.1%	9.4%	10.9%
Bloomington	4.5%	4.4%	4.9%
Linton	7.7%	7.9%	8.5%
Loogootee	7.0%	6.0%	8.1%
Nashville	8.5%	10.4%	15.0%
Paoli	8.2%	8.0%	8.3%
Spencer	13.9%	13.5%	15.6%
Washington	4.9%	4.6%	5.2%



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REGIONAL, STATE, & METROPOLITAN UNEMPLOYMENT

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in June according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. Overall 20 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 19 states registered rate increases, and 11 states had no change. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 40 states and the District of Columbia, up in 6 states, and unchanged in 4 states.

Florida and South Dakota posted the lowest unemployment rates in June at 3.0 percent each. The state recording the highest jobless rate was Mississippi at 7.1 percent.

Unemployment rates were lower in June than a year earlier in 292 of the 367 metropolitan areas, higher in 52 areas, and unchanged in 23 areas. Nineteen metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent while three areas recorded rates of 10.0 percent or more.

Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin, Florida and Sioux Falls, South Dakota had the lowest unemployment rates at 2.5 percent each. The area with the highest jobless rate was Yuma, Arizona at 17.2 percent.

*EGR 8 includes Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, and Owen Counties. **Bloomington MSA includes Greene, Monroe, and Owen Counties.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

RANK – JUNE 2006	COUNTY	JUNE 2006 RATE (p)
1	Orange	7.5%
5	Lawrence	6.8%
29	Greene	5.5%
42	Martin	5.3%
43	Owen	5.3%
69	Monroe	4.5%
77	Brown	4.3%
86	Daviess	3.9%
92	Hamilton	3.1%

SURROUNDING STATES JUNE 2006 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (Preliminary Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois – 4.8% Indiana – 5.1% Kentucky – 6.1% Michigan – 6.5% Ohio – 5.2%

BLOOMINGTON MSA

(Greene, Monroe, and Owen Counties in Indiana)

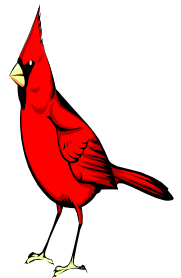


WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	JUNE 2006	MAY 2006	JUNE 2005	CHANGE FROM MAY 2006 TO JUNE 2006		JUNE 2005 TO JUNE 2006	
Total Nonfarm	79,000	79,000	78,600	+0	+0.0%	+400	+0.5%
Goods Producing	13,800	13,600	13,800	+200	+1.5%	+0	+0.0%
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	4,400	4,300	4,600	+100	+2.3%	-200	-4.3%
Manufacturing	9,400	9,300	9,200	+100	+1.1%	+200	+2.2%
Durable Goods	6,800	6,700	6,700	+100	+1.5%	+100	+1.5%
Service Providing	65,200	65,400	64,800	-200	-0.3%	+400	+0.6%
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing & Util.	12,700	12,600	12,400	+100	+0.8%	+300	+2.4%
Wholesale Trade	2,100	2,100	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+100	+5.0%
Retail Trade	9,100	9,000	8,900	+100	+1.1%	+200	+2.2%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	1,500	1,500	1,500	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	1,300	1,300	1,300	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	2,900	2,900	3,000	+0	+0.0%	-100	-3.3%
Professional & Business	6,600	6,600	6,400	+0	+0.0%	+200	+3.1%
Educational & Health	9,700	9,700	9,500	+0	+0.0%	+200	+2.1%
Leisure & Hospitalities	7,600	7,900	7,700	-300	-3.8%	-100	-1.3%
Other Services	3,000	3,000	2,800	+0	+0.0%	+200	+7.1%
Government	21,400	21,400	21,700	+0	+0.0%	-300	-1.4%
Federal Government	600	600	600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
State Government	14,400	13,900	14,600	+500	+3.6%	-200	-1.4%
Local Government	6,400	6,900	6,500	-500	-7.2%	-100	-1.5%
Local Government Education	3,300	3,900	3,200	-600	-15.4%	+100	+3.1%

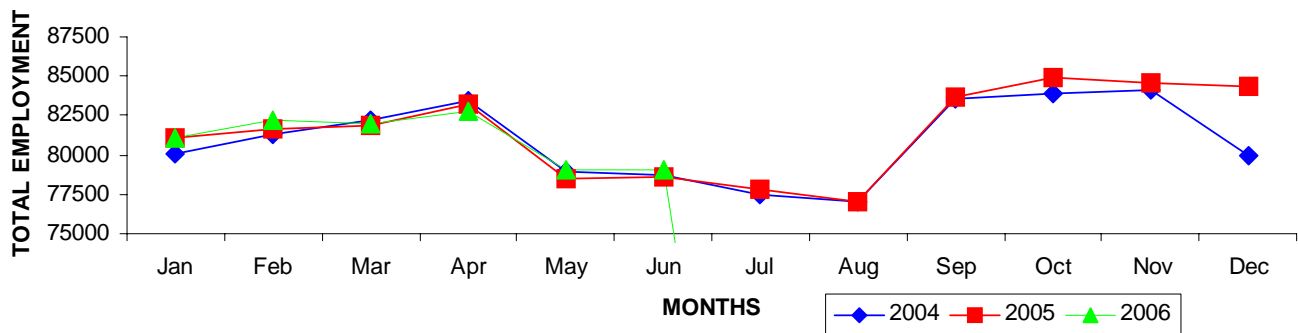
BLOOMINGTON MSA WAGE & SALARIED EMPLOYMENT JANUARY – JUNE 2006 & YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	RUNNING AVERAGE
TOTAL NONFARM	81,100	82,200	82,000	82,800	79,000	79,000	81,000
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	3,900	3,900	3,900	4,200	4,300	4,400	4,100
Manufacturing	9,100	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,300	9,400	9,200
Trade, Transportation, Mining, & Utilities	12,300	12,300	12,300	12,500	12,600	12,700	12,500
Information Services	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,300	1,200
Financial Activities	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900
Professional & Business Services	6,400	6,400	6,500	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,500
Educational & Health Services	9,500	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700
Leisure & Hospitality	7,700	7,800	7,800	8,000	7,900	7,600	7,800
Other Services	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000	3,000	2,900
Government	25,300	25,900	25,600	25,600	21,400	21,400	24,200



Notes for both tables: Current month data are preliminary. Data are rounded and may not add to total.
Data are based on 2005 benchmark and subject to benchmarking in 2007.
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics Program in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

BLOOMINGTON MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.

Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

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U.S. City Average

Unadjusted percent change to June 2006 from:

	June 05	May 06
All Items	4.3%	.2%
Food & Beverages	2.2%	.2%
Housing	4.2%	.7%
Apparel	.5%	-2.9%
Transportation	9.0%	-.2%
Medical Care	4.1%	.1%
Recreation	1.9%	0.0%
Education & Communication	2.7%	.2%
Other Goods & Services	2.9%	.4%





MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE TOTAL ALL CLAIMS FILED

	June 2006	May 2006	June 2005	Previous Month % Change	Previous Year % Change
Bedford	3,559	4,567	4,805	-22.1%	-25.9%
Bloomington	4,601	5,310	6,850	-13.4%	-32.8%
Linton	1,585	1,696	1,861	-6.6%	-14.8%
INDIANA	na	237,830	247,158	na	na

na = Information not available at printing.



Region 8 Job Openings

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 8 (Bedford, Bloomington, and Linton) received during June 2006. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

SELECTED JUNE 2006 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 8

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$7.00	\$8.54	\$11.00
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	5.15	7.83	10.00
Administrative Assistants	7.00	9.21	12.02
Janitors & Cleaners	5.15	7.54	9.25
Assemblers	7.00	8.23	9.25
Production Laborers	6.00	8.56	12.00
Receptionists/Information Clerks	6.00	8.25	12.02
General Office Clerks	6.00	8.00	9.00
Cashiers, General	5.15	6.45	9.00
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	5.15	8.72	13.62
Loan & Credit Clerks	5.25	7.81	9.00
Procurement Clerks	8.00	11.81	19.23
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	5.15	8.13	10.00
Stock Clerks: Sales Floor	5.15	6.58	8.00
Registered Nurses	\$11.00	\$16.49	\$19.23

Region 8 APPLICANT POOL

June 25, 2006



The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by applicants.

Region 8 Job Titles

Assemblers	3,165
Production Laborers	1,964
General Office Clerks	1,181
Cashiers, General	1,146
All Other Hand Workers	1,095
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	1,076
All Other Machine Operators	1,013
Hand Packers & Packagers	1,011
Production Helpers	962
Receptionists/Information Clerks	945
File Clerks	859
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	757
All Other Precision Assemblers	721
Administrative Assistants	718
Secretaries – Other	699
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	686
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	675
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	665
Helpers: Other Construction Trades	651
Machine Assemblers	626

Number of Applicants



The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Applicant Pool on the Site Map/Index.

REGION 8 WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION

The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the applicants' desired wages and the number of applicants registered in CS3. The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work that they would like to obtain. An average wage demand and median wage demand are calculated for the selected geographical area. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Wage Demand on the Site Map/Index..



AREA (6//25/06)	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
EGR REGION 8	\$20,052	\$16,640	9,271
Brown	\$25,762	\$20,800	289
Daviess	\$18,926	\$17,576	555
Greene	\$17,305	\$16,640	1,874
Lawrence	\$20,794	\$17,160	1,863
Martin	\$20,047	\$18,720	228
Monroe	\$19,811	\$16,640	2,936
Orange	\$25,351	\$16,640	651
Owen	\$20,149	\$17,160	875



BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, DAILY REPORT, AUGUST 8, 2006

Paid vacation time may not rank as high as salary or health insurance in importance to job seekers, but it's a significant and attractive workplace benefit. "It's appealing to everyone," said Janet McNichol, Human Resources Director at the Speech Association. Due to Because they pay lower salaries, nonprofits tend to offer more vacation time than private companies. "We can't do stock options, so instead we offer more paid time off," McNichol said. Still, in both, the for-profit and nonprofit sectors, new employees typically receive less paid vacation time than workers with more time on the job. According to a 2005 Labor Department survey of employment benefits in U.S. private industry, workers with one year of service were eligible for 8.9 days of paid vacation, on average, compared with 19.3 days for those with 25 years of service. Some workers get no vacation time for the first six months, said Shawn Boyer, Chief Executive of SnagAJob.com, a part-time and hourly online job site. Competition for talent is leading some employers to offer more vacation time. "It's hard to attract experienced people if you only give them two weeks," McNichol said. Even among part-time workers, who in the past have been excluded from receiving vacation and other benefits, "we are starting to see a shift," said Rosemary Haefner, Vice President of Human Resources for the online job site CareerBuilder.com. ("Time Out to Think About the Time Off Issue," The Washington Post)

4th QUARTER 2005 AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES



INDIANA LAUNCHES NEW LABOR MARKET INFORMATION WEBSITE

HOOSIERS BY THE NUMBERS
www.hoosierdata.in.gov

Research & Analysis has a new website - **Hoosiers by the Numbers**. This website replaces INEWS and will be a valuable tool for our customers. The new website is part of a major upgrade of the content and usability of the labor market data the department regularly compiles on Indiana's workforce.

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"Covered Employment and Payrolls" include employees working for firms subject to the Indiana Employment and Training Services Act. The Act, in general, includes employers with one or more employees. Railroad, small nonprofit institutions, and churches are excluded. Only part of the employment in private households and on farms is included. Federal government employees are not included in these figures.

Average Weekly Wages are computed from quarterly earnings and average employment. The figures are computed from payroll totals so they include all employees. The Average Weekly Earnings for Manufacturing are based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

COUNTY	ALL INDUSTRIES	MANUFACTURING
Brown	\$418	\$643
Daviess	\$512	\$496
Greene	\$542	\$606
Lawrence	\$617	\$908
Martin	\$551	\$815
Monroe	\$597	\$783
Orange	\$516	\$601
Owen	\$540	\$709
Indiana	\$700	\$952



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